

Foreign Ministry raps Amnesty allegations

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed regret over the incorrect information and falsehoods contained in the report issued by Amnesty International, which lack the required professionalism and objectivity in human rights reports by obtaining information and news coming from

unfair sources and paid media channels, known for extremism, prejudice and incredibility.

Whilst the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms that it will study the allegations contained in this report and respond to it, it looks forward to this organisation to come up with fairer reports and not to rely on sources that express single-sided opinion, a statement issued by the ministry

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try said.

It has advised Amnesty International to obtain its infor-

mation from all the concerned authorities and institutions that have not been approached prior

to the issuance of this biased report for more positive positions and objective, neutral, non-selective and unbiased reports.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed that the Kingdom will remain adamantly committed to the respect and promotion of human rights and public freedoms in accordance with the applicable laws and in consonance with its constitution.

It also affirmed that the Kingdom will live up to its commitment to international agreements and its willingness to co-operate and communicate with all international organisations, based on its civilisation and cultural heritage and its deep-rooted religious values that guarantee human rights and the values of tolerance, justice and equality among all.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif Al Zayani, accompanied by Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Abdullah Al Dossari, visited the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies.

The Executive Director of the Academy, Dr Shaikha Munira bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, briefed the minister on the most important programmes and initiatives implemented by the academy and the efforts being made to advance the diplomatic work and spread its culture.

She also reviewed the most important future programmes that the academy has to develop to qualify new generations and national competencies of Bahraini diplomats according to the best international standards for the development of work in the diplomatic field.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed his admiration for this important diplomatic edifice, and

Key programmes implemented to groom young diplomats reviewed

Foreign Minister vows support to the academy; emphasises highest level training for diplomats



Dr Al Zayani and Mr Al Dossari tour the academy along with Dr Shaikha Munira.

the advanced administrative approach it adopts to achieve the sought-after goals, praising the great and tangible role played by the academy in developing policies and plans to develop the diplomatic and consular sector.

He also commended the programmes being implemented and the courses and workshops held to qualify and prepare the diplomatic and consular staff to be the best representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain and its diplomacy at various regional and international gatherings.

Dr Zayani vowed to support all the efforts aimed at upgrading and expanding training programmes outside the Kingdom to benefit more from the distinguished experiences in this field, wishing the academy and those in charge of its affairs every progress and success.

The academy is principally responsible for the recruitment and training of diplomats in the Kingdom. It also seeks to raise awareness of international relations within the diplomatic sphere and with the general public locally, as well as strengthen our institutional

ties globally.

The establishment of the academy is the culmination of a decades-long endeavour in the development of modern Bahraini diplomacy.

The establishment of the Diplomatic Institute in 2016 and the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies in 2019 is a further step in the institutionalisation of diplomatic training, which strives to achieve sustainable and effective outcomes for the national interests and global standing of the Kingdom.

Japan embassy to mark 60th birthday of Emperor Naruhito



P Unnikrishnan, Chairman of the Management Board of The Daily Tribune, Pradeep Puravankara, Executive Editor of the newspaper and Public Relations Head Goutham Krishna with Ambassador Hideki Ito.

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Hideki Ito, Japanese Ambassador to the Kingdom, will host a special reception at Ritz Carlton Hotel on Sunday at 7:00 pm, marking the 60th birthday of Emperor Naruhito.

The event will begin with the recital of Japanese National Anthem followed by a speech that

will be delivered by Mr Hideki Ito. Traditional Japanese Koto Performance and a cake-cutting ceremony will also be held as part of the event.

In his first birthday address since ascending the chrysanthemum throne, Emperor Naruhito pledged to stand by the people of Japan in responding to intensifying environmental and social challenges ranging from climate

change to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

"In this rapidly changing society, I am contemplating measures in our official duties that would be complementary with such societal changes," said the emperor.

"I believe the imperial family bears a share of the responsibility" to address such challenges, he told reporters at his residence near the Imperial Palace.

Club receives dignitary



Sadiq Sanjrani, Chairman, Senate of Pakistan along with his delegation of Senators visited Pakistan Club Bahrain, where a warm welcome was accorded by Mr Shukat Ali Chairman Apoo World Bahrain, board members and members of the Pakistani community. The senate delegation included Senator Abida Azeem, Senator Manzoor Ahmed, Senator Fida Muhammad, Senator Keshoo Bai, Senator Mirza Afridi, Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, Senator Sajjad Hussain Tori, Senator Mohammed Balushi and Syed Abid Hassan, Advisor to the Chairman Senate. The Pakistan Senate Delegation was welcomed at the Club by Mr Afzaal Mahmood, Ambassador of Pakistan and Apoo World Board members. A brief account of history and activities of the Club was given by Mr Shukat Ali Chairman, Apoo World Bahrain followed by speech by the Ambassador of Pakistan. Mr Sadiq Sanjrani spoke on the occasion and appreciated the efforts of Pakistani community in Bahrain who are working shoulder to shoulder with their Bahraini brothers and sisters. He advised to put all their energies and efforts in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two Muslim countries. Later all the senators were recognised and mementos were given to the dignitaries.



The Indian School Riffa Campus celebrated its annual day themed 'Euphonic Ocular Delight 2020' on Thursday. It was a musical extravaganza to felicitate the co-curricular achievements at the end of the academic year 2019-20. Chief Guest Indian Embassy Second Secretary Renu Yadav, ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji Antony, Vice-Chairman Jayafar Maidanee, EC members Mohammad Khurshid Alam, Premalatha N S, Adv Binu Mannil Varughese, Ajaykrishnan V, Saji George, Deepak Gopalakrishnan, Principal V R Palaniswamy, Riffa Campus Principal Pamela Xavier, ISB @ 70 General Convener Mohammad Hussain Malim, Vice-Principals, staff, parents and students attended the ceremony.